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*Advancing Catholic social teaching by educating and preparing parishes
to work for social justice*

CALENDAR

November
November 20 World
Children's Day

November 23 & 24
Campaign for Human
Development collection

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From the Director

Dear friends,

It was so good to see so many of you at our Social Justice Dinner & Awards.

With Thanksgiving Day approaching, I would like to give a shout out of thanks to our many volunteers such as:

- Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum who has stepped up to chair our Laudato Si' Team
- Ana Landskron who gives hundreds of hours to our Hispanic Ministry
- Barbara Carpenter who organized all the floral arrangements for the dinner
- Nancy Strini from our Human Trafficking Task Force, who is ready to present, pull together an agenda, or do whatever is need to make my job easier
- Tracey Clements, who is organizing the CCHD Multi-media arts contest for Catholic Schools

The list goes on and on. We are blessed with many committees and teams, and an involved Board of Directors. I am also thankful for my staff, who put their heart and soul into this ministry. Beyond our office, there are so many of you doing the greater collective work of social ministry in the Archdiocese. Together we are helping our parishes become a clearer reflection of the gospel.

Thanksgiving blessings,



Lynn Campbell, Executive Director



Social Justice Dinner and Awards

Congratulations to North American Martyr Parish, East Hartford
Winner of the Dr. Charlie Schlegel Award for Cooperative Parish Sharing



Pictured: Lynn Campbell, Executive Director, Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, Fr. Timothy Ryan, Deacon Julio Maturano

"I would like to thank the Office of Catholic Social Justice for the support that they gave us to fulfill the teachings of the Gospels and to carry on with the work of our Lord Jesus Christ here on earth".

Fr. Timothy Ryan - North American Martyrs, East Hartford

The McKillek Peace and Justice Challenge



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We would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to **The McKillek Peace and Justice Challenge** presented at our Social Justice Dinner and Awards event. Thanks to you, we have met our \$5000.00 goal and are especially grateful for an anonymous donor providing the \$5000.00 match. We look forward to working on the many Social Justice issues this grant will help provide

for.

Two Important Advocacy Notices



The Catholics Confront Global Poverty initiative of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services, formerly known as CCGP, has a new name - "LEAD THE WAY." Be sure to visit the new bilingual landing page, crs.org/leadtheway to learn more and explore resources. CRS has

launched this new campaign to engage Catholics across the country in learning about, and taking action on, the issue of forced migration and displacement, so that migrants and refugees can exercise their right to lead dignified lives, and ultimately thrive. This will be an opportunity for our Catholic community to take meaningful action, and truly lead the way to supporting migrants and refugees around the world.

The "Global Child Thrive Act" (previously referred to as the Early Childhood Development Act) has been introduced in both the House and the Senate. H.R. 4864 in the House, and S. 2715 in the Senate. Huge congratulations to everyone for your help in getting this important piece of legislation to this point. While the road to moving this forward in both chambers is still a long one, this is a great moment that we can all celebrate!

What you can do right now is check out the new [CRS Lead the Way website](https://crs.org/leadtheway) and be sure to join if you haven't already. Then, on November 20, "World Children's Day," the Catholic Community across the U.S. will be invited to act in support of the Global Child Thrive Act via email, text, and other platforms of the Lead the Way Campaign.

Justice For Immigrants Action Alert

Ask your U.S. Senator to Support S. 874, the Dream Act of 2019

From November 2019 until Spring 2020, while the U.S. Supreme Court deliberates, it is vital that we encourage Congress to act to provide DACA recipients with a path to citizenship. As the House passed H.R. 6 which includes a path to citizenship for DACA recipients, we ask that you turn your attention to your Senators and urge them to stand in support of young adult immigrants by supporting legislative protection for DACA recipients generally and the Dream Act of 2019, S. 874, specifically.



we are one family under God

Background

H.R. 6 would provide critical permanent legal protection to DACA recipients, TPS and DED holders who are living in a state of uncertainty and fear. The USCCB's Committee on Migration Chairman, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, has voiced support for the bill numerous times: issuing a March 15, 2019 statement endorsing H.R. 6, sending a letter to each Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in support of the bill, and endorsing individual component bills of H.R. 6 prior to markup in the House Judiciary Committee on May 22, 2019.

ACTION

While the House passed its version of the Dream Act, we ask you to stand in solidarity with immigrants and their families by sending a message to your Senators and request that they support S.874, the Dream Act of 2019.

TAKE ACTION NOW! Visit the [JFI website](#) and send a message to your Senators

Catholic Relief Services Parish Ambassador Corp.



Parish Ambassador Corps Video 2019

The Parish Ambassador Corps 2019 video was presented at the recent Social Justice Dinner and Awards. The video was created to share how some of our CRS Parish Ambassadors' involvement in Social Justice and Global Solidarity through Catholic Relief Services has impacted them as individuals as well as what they can bring back to their Parish. If you are interested in learning more about Parish Ambassador Corps and Catholic Relief Services, contact Claudia at intern.ocsjm@aohct.org or call 860-242-5573.

ImmaCare's Diversion and Outreach Programs



ImmaCare Inc.

ImmaCare needs your help your help providing their Outreach and Diversion teams with basic necessities to distribute to clients living outside. There are currently 116 street homeless individual men in the Hartford area. In addition to these men, there are women and families who are also supported by ImmaCare's Diversion and Outreach programs.

Your Amazon Wish List purchases are delivered directly to their door where they can immediately send them out with their staff to give to those in need. Check out ImmaCare's [Wish List here](#)



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

At the end of this month, the Archdiocese of Hartford will be taking up the special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection works to address the root causes of poverty and allows those living on the margins of our communities to have a voice and advocate for justice. One of the CCHD



funded groups in our Archdiocese this year, *Keep the Promise* (pictured here), works to advocate for all the services and supports that impact a person who is affected by poverty due to mental health and/or addiction issues. The organization provides leadership training so that members can advocate for the funding needed to maintain state mental health services from which they have benefited. Help to support those living in poverty in our community by joining in the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development during the weekend of November 23rd and 24th.

Wreaths With a Reason

Are you hosting a holiday bazaar? Consider inviting "Wreaths With a Reason".

We would like to introduce you to a new partner in the CT Anti-trafficking movement. Wreaths With a Reason creates beautiful, seasonal wreaths and decorative pieces that are sold on line and at various fairs throughout the year. Owner, Maryann Dietschler is passionate about ending trafficking and is helping to do so by generously donating all sale proceeds to the anti-trafficking movement in Connecticut. Your purchases help our cause directly. Please visit the [website here](#).



V Encuentro Immigration Concerns

At the V Encuentro, immigration was identified as one of the top areas of concern. The goals of their simple, compassionated message are:

1. More informative program for DACA youth and undocumented people including help understanding the laws and scholarship opportunities for those youngsters in the margin.
2. Educational talks to ensure the needs of the migrant family - and their natural wish to stay together as a family. They have requested getting connected with us in this regard.
3. Leaders who want to activate and work in the social justice ministry. Let us increase the network and collaboration.
4. Education and integration of the Anglo community in social actions to support immigrant families.



We are ready to meet this challenge! We have already begun reporting these findings back to the parishes and assisting them in developing plans to address these concerns. Together with our Hispanic Ministry leaders we will make this a priority for 2020. We must not become fatigued in our journey of hope and compassion for our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Fair Trade Sales Events



The following parishes will be hosting **Fair Trade sales**. With the purchase of fair trade products you are helping people earn a fair wage, and participate in their right not to migrate. Contact the parish for additional information.

11/16-17 St. Thomas the Apostle, West Hartford, after all masses

11/16-17 St. Peter Claver Church, West Hartford, all day Sat and Sun

11/23-24 St. Ann Parish, Avon, all day Sat and Sun morning

Current Parish Social Ministry Resources

We located new resources for You!

Social Justice Resource Center - Looking for other ways to stay connected to the work of social justice and resources to help you in your call to promote and defend human dignity? [Social Justice Resource Center](#) publishes a monthly e-newsletter with a wealth of important information. [Subscribe to the newsletter](#) .

Consistent Life Network - Consistent Life is a network uniting many organizations and individuals who support the consistent ethic of reverence of life. The Network is committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today's world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, the death penalty and euthanasia. We believe that these issues are linked under a 'consistent ethic of life'. The Network provides fact sheets, fliers and audio clips. For more information and to subscribe to their newsletter see their [website](#).

Spanish Media

* Root causes of Migration: CRS ´ Rick Jones was interviewed on [EWTN Espanol/Cara a Cara show](#)